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# Henry Willis Organ - Wesley Uniting Church



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## Location

8 Oxford Street,, BOX HILL VIC 3128 - Property No B5415

## Municipality

WHITEHORSE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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This organ was built in 1877 by the major English organ builder, Henry Willis, for Findon, Kew, the mansion of the Hon. Henry "Money" Miller. Here it stood at the end of a large ballroom where it was depicted in *Victoria and its Metropolis* (1888). No expense was spared in the construction of the organ, with superlative materials and lavish finishes being freely employed. The instrument well exemplifies the domestic aspirations of a notable resident on Marvellous Melbourne. It is the only example of Willis' work in Victoria. In 1929 the organ was moved to the Methodist Church, Box Hill, where it survives today with little alteration from the original. Restoration work was carried out in 1969 and 1983. The fine Willis sound has been preserved, and the casework, incorporating ornately diapered pipes, is unaltered except for the lower left-and right-hand panels.

Classified: 28/07/1983

Hermes Number 66744

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